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CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD ANNOUNCES EAST GRANBY PROPERTY ACQUISITION

BRADLEY AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, East Granby, Conn. – Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, Connecticut's Adjutant General and commander of the Connecticut National Guard, announced that the Connecticut Military Department has purchased a 4.52-acre parcel located at 161 Rainbow Road in East Granby.

The property acquisition allows for the addition of a new state-of-the-art main gate entrance for the 103rd Airlift Wing's Bradley Air National Guard Base. The new main gate addresses access and security shortcomings identified during the 2005 Department of Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) and will help ensure the viability of the Connecticut Air National Guard facility well into the future.

Effective at noon today (Jan. 23) access to the site will be restricted until the parcel can be brought into the secure perimeter of Bradley Air National Guard Base.

The State of Connecticut recently purchased the land from the estate of Augustus J. Simmons for just over \$450,000.

Construction of a new gate house, visitors center and road network is projected to bring approximately \$7.5 million in federal funding to the state in the fiscal year 2017 to 2018 time frame.

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